

REMARKS

Summary of the Office Action

Claims 1-23 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Sakai (GB 2 225 147) (hereinafter "Sakai").

Summary of the Response to the Office Action

Claims 1, 6-11 and 20-23 are amended to differently describe the invention. Accordingly, claims 1-23 remain pending.

Rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b)

Claims 1-23 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Sakai. To the extent that this rejection might be considered to still apply to the claims as newly amended, it is respectfully traversed as follows.

While Applicants continue to traverse the interpretations of Sakai expressed in the Office Actions to date in this application, for the reasons set forth in detail in the previously-filed responses in this application, Applicants have nevertheless newly-amended independent claims 1, 6-11 and 20-23 to differently describe the invention in an effort to expedite prosecution in this application.

Independent claim 1 has been newly amended to recite an information record medium combination which further includes "first management information for the first reproducing apparatus" and "second management information for the second reproducing apparatus." The first management information is further described in the claim as being recorded in the video

zone of the information record medium, where the substantial information and the first reproduction control information are also recorded. Moreover, the second management information is further described in the claim as being recorded in the audio zone of the information record medium, where the second reproduction control information is also recorded.

Applicants respectfully submit that in the Detailed Description of the Preferred Embodiments portion of the instant application's specification, the first management information is described as VMG, shown, for example, in FIG. 5, the first reproducing apparatus is a DVD-Video Player, for example, the second management information is AMG, shown, for example in FIG. 5, and the second reproducing apparatus is a DVD-Audio Player, for example. Support for the disclosed video DVD provided with audio navigation can be found in the specification at least at page 20, line 14 to page 21, line 8; page 24, line 13 to page 25, line 6; and FIGs. 5 and 6. Support for the audio and video DVD can be found in the specification at least at page 22, line 16 to page 23, line 9.

Applicants respectfully submit that Sakai does not disclose, teach nor suggest the "first management information for the first reproducing apparatus" and the "second management information for the second reproducing apparatus," provided in an information record medium combination as recited in newly-amended independent claim 1. For at least these reasons, Applicants believe that the present invention is quite different from the electronic still camera arrangement disclosed in Sakai.

Independent claim 6, as newly-amended, recites an information reproducing apparatus for reproducing an information record medium along the lines of that recited in newly-amended independent claim 1. Further, the information reproducing apparatus combination recited in

newly-amended independent claim 6 includes a reproducing device that reproduces the substantial information “in accordance with the first management information and the first reproduction control information when a reproduction of the video information and the audio information is instructed.” The reproducing device of newly-amended independent claim 6 is further recited as one that reproduces the substantial information “in accordance with the second management information and the second reproduction control information when a reproduction of only the audio information is instructed.”

Applicants respectfully submit that because Sakai does not disclose, teach nor suggest the “first management information” and the “second management information” as explained above, it follows that Sakai also does not disclose, teach nor suggest that the reproducing device of Sakai reproduces substantial information “in accordance with the first management information and the first reproduction control information when a reproduction of the video information and the audio information is instructed”, and that the reproducing device reproduces substantial information “in accordance with the second management information and the second reproduction control information when a reproduction of only the audio information is instructed.”

In other words, Applicants respectfully submit that Sakai does not disclose the combination of the first reproduction control information and the first management information (combination of VTSI and VMG, for example), and the combination of the second reproduction control information and the second management information (combination of ATSI and AMG, for example). For at least these reasons, Applicants believe that the present invention is quite different from the electronic still camera arrangement disclosed in Sakai.

With regard to independent Claims 7 to 11, and 20 to 23, Applicants respectfully submit that the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) should be withdrawn for at least the same or similar reasons as described above with regard to newly-amended independent claim 6.

Applicants respectfully assert that the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) should be withdrawn because Sakai does not teach or suggest each feature of independent claims 1 and 6-11, and 20-23 as amended. As pointed out in MPEP § 2131, "[t]o anticipate a claim, the reference must teach every element of the claim." Thus, "[a] claim is anticipated only if each and every element as set forth in the claim is found, either expressly or inherently described, in a single prior art reference. Verdegaal Bros. v. Union Oil Co. Of California, 2 USPQ 2d 1051, 1053 (Fed. Cir. 1987)." Furthermore, Applicants respectfully assert that dependent claims 2-5 and 12-19 are allowable at least because of the respective dependence from independent claims 1 and 6-11, as amended, and the reasons set forth above.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and the timely allowance of the pending claims 1-23. Should the Examiner feel that there are any issues outstanding after consideration of this response, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' undersigned representative to expedite prosecution.

EXCEPT for issue fees payable under 37 C.F.R. § 1.18, the Commissioner is hereby authorized by this paper to charge any additional fees during the entire pendency of this application including fees due under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 and 1.17 which may be required,

including any required extension of time fees, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account 50-0310. This paragraph is intended to be a **CONSTRUCTIVE PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME** in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)(3).

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